

change, especially as your Honorable Body had adjourned before we had opportunity to interchange messages upon the subject of the change of hour.

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that the reason for the reconsideration and change of the time to which this House had proposed to adjourn, as stated in their message to the Senate of the 1st instant, was as follows, viz: It was deemed by a majority of the House, important to the public interest, in order to remove all doubt as to the legality of the election of Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to repeal the law requiring that election to take place on Wednesday next, a bill for which purpose had passed the Senate by a suspension of the rules, and at the time of sending the message to the Senate, it was not doubted that a like suspension of the rules would allow the majority to pass the bill through this House, but after the sending of the message those who voted against the suspension defeated the suspension of the rules, so that the requisite three-fourths vote could not be obtained. This House then, under a sense of public duty and before receiving the response of the Senate, reconsidered and changed the same time in order to facilitate the passage of the said bill, which change of time the House was prevented from communicating to the Senate by its adjournment. It is further ordered, that on the assembling of the Senate, a message containing a copy of this explanation shall be sent to the Senate.

By order,

W. R. COLE,
Chief Clerk.

And returned the bill entitled, an Act to repeal the Act of 1862, chapter 106, and sections 194 to 200, inclusive, of the 30th Article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the sentence of Negroes;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."

And delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled an Act, to provide for the selection, drawing and summoning of jurors in Washington, Frederick and Carroll counties, and prescribing their qualification;

Which was read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

A bill entitled, an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Dorchester county to aid in the completion of the Dorchester and Delaware Rail Road;

Which was read first time and referred to Messrs. Frazier, Earle and Brodwater.

A bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Slaughter's Steamboat Company;